Complications of ear surgery can occur days, months or even years following surgery.

Possible risks include, but are not limited to:

1) Failure to achieve objective of the ear operation (ie failure to achieve hearing improvement, eradicate the disease process
2) Post operative perforation (hole) of the eardrum
3) Facial weakness or paralysis
4) Stenosis (narrowing) of the ear canal
5) Development of hearing loss, including total deafness in the operated ear
6) Development of unsteadiness or vertigo, either immediate or delayed
7) Tinnitus (ringing or noise in the ear or head)
8) Alteration of sense of taste (eg metallic taste on tongue)
9) Bleeding or infection

I understand this surgery is elective (optional) and my alternatives include not having surgery. I have read the above information and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction

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Patient, Parent, or Guardian                                      Date

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